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## Rep. Edming Votes to Protect Personal Freedoms and Provide Legislative Oversight

MADISON – Today, Representative James Edming (R-Glen Flora) voted to approve a package of bills that protect the personal freedoms of Wisconsinites and provide legislative oversight. Among the bills approved by the State Assembly were Assembly Bills (AB) <u>23</u> and <u>25</u> which prohibits certain government officials and employers from forcing Wisconsinites to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and AB <u>24</u>, which prevents government from closing places of worship.

"This package of bills addresses some of the top concerns I have heard about from constituents so far this session," said Rep. Edming. "The decision to receive a vaccination should be a personal decision, not a mandate from the government, an employer, or anyone else. Also, citizens have a constitutionally-protected right to peaceably assemble and freely exercise their religion that should not be infringed by the government. I am pleased to see these important bills move forward."

In addition the State Assembly approved <u>Senate Bill (SB) 183</u> also known as the Truth in Spending Act. This legislation provides legislative oversight of the billions of federal COVID-19 relief funds coming to the state.

"The decisions on how billions of federal dollars will be spent should not be in the hands of only one person," said Rep. Edming. "This common-sense proposal gives the people of Wisconsin a voice through their elected legislators in this important decision making process."

After today's votes, ABs 23, 24, 25 advance to the State Senate for further consideration, and SB 183 now heads to Governor Evers' desk.

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The 87th Assembly District includes portions of Clark, Marathon, Rusk, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties.